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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:AFSP, DM, US

SUBJECT:GPRB ACTIONS REGARDING DIPLOMATIC LEASES

REFS: A) STATE 35068; B) COTONOU 211; C) COTONOU 203;
D) COTONOU 198

1. REF C REPORTED THAT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NOTE AND FORM LETTER FROM GPRB SAYING THAT QUOTE PROPERTY OF VOLUNTARY EXILES UNQUOTE WAS CONFISCATED, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. DEPT RECALLS THAT OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN COTONOU ARE RENTERS OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE OWNED BY SUCH EXILES. (E.G. PRC RENT RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY FROM EMILE ZINSOU), AND THUS PRESUMABLY ALSO ARE SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION. HAVE OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY MUST HENCEFORTH PAY RENT TO GPRB? IS THERE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING JOINT DEMARCHE ON GPRB ALONG WITH OTHER AFFECTED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABOUT THE INVIOABILITY OF CHANCERY PREMISES UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION (REF A)?

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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